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**PATENT**  
**Y0R920000827US1**  
**IBM-288**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Steven Alan Cordes, et al.  
Serial Number : 09/940,415  
Filing Date : August 28, 2001  
Examiner : John A. McPherson  
Group Art Unit : 1756  
For : PRECISION APERTURES FOR  
LITHOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 27, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Since Claims 2, 7, 9, 10, 13 - 15 have already been canceled which cancellations are hereby reiterated, please now cancel Claims 1, 3 - 6, 8, 11, 12 and allow Claim 16 to issue pursuant to the aforementioned Official Action.